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Correspondence Relating To An Application For  
Extension Of The Term Of U.S. Patent 4,224,946

Subsequent to an application filed November 25, 1985 for extension of the subject patent, and a notice published February 10, 1986 in the Federal Register Vol. 51, Number 27, pages 4995 to 4996, an error in the calculation of the length of the patent extension has come to the applicant's attorney's attention.

Referring to the extension application page 5, paragraph 11, subparagraphs (a) and (b), and the Federal Register notice page 4996, column 1 lines 4 to 11 from the bottom, the applicant's attorney admits that the correct period of the testing phase is 872 days and of the approval phase is 379 days. Referring to the extension application page 5 subparagraph (d), it is respectfully submitted that the correct calculation of the length of the extension is:

$$\frac{872}{2} + 379 = 815.$$

In this regard, please see 35 USC 156 (c) (2) and (g) (3) (B) (i), Extension Of Patent Term.

Based on the correct calculations above, it is respectfully requested that the term of 815 days be substituted for that requested in the extension application. It is also noted that the

extension of this patent may not exceed 2 years. Please see 35  
USC 156 (g) (4) (C).

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